

# Baseball Begins With June Workout

Paul Schwendel, recently hired baseball coach and instructor of physical education, isn't waiting until the beginning of the fall semester to begin getting the baseball team into shape. During the last week of June, Paul conducted a pre-season practice for returning players and new recruits.

"My main goal this year is to develop a team that is competitive day in and day out," says coach Schwendel.

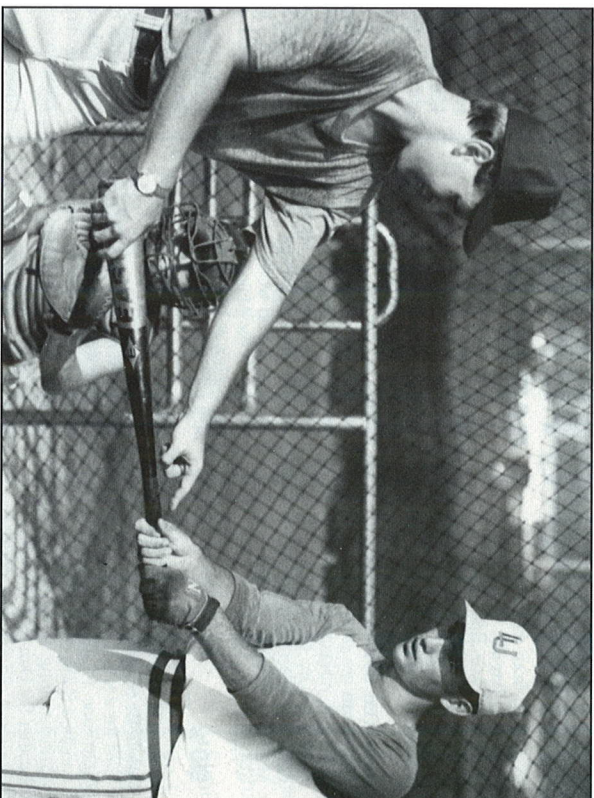
This year LeTourneau will play a fall pre-season schedule of five or six games. "It's like spring practice in the big leagues," says Schwendel. "It will give me an opportunity to look over the talent, identify our strong and weak points and then focus attention on making improvements."

The regular season is in the spring when the team will play about 50

games. LeTourneau competes in District 8 of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA) playing colleges like North East Louisiana, Centenary College and East Texas Baptist University.

"We've got a lot of quality people on the team. And these guys understand what Christian commitment is all about, plus they're very capable academically," explains Schwendel.

"It's a little early for me to make any predictions, but it looks like we'll be very strong at shortstop and second base. The combination of the experience of returning players and the enthusiasm of the new recruits is going to give us a strong team effort throughout the season. As I've already emphasized, consistent performance is what we'll be striving for. That's what it takes to have a winning season."



Coach Schwendel gives Jimmy Jackson some batting tips during the June workout. Developing a competitive team is Schwendel's goal. Jackson is a physical education major from Tatum, Texas.

## Vice President For Business And Finance Appointed

Dr. Austin has announced the appointment of Mr. Robert "Robb" M. Dean, Jr. to the position of Vice President for Business and Finance at LeTourneau University.

The search committee received more than 300 applications for this position and had the herculean task of narrowing the field to a select few who were ultimately interviewed. We are grateful that Robb and his wife Linda and their four children have chosen to join us here at LeTourneau.

Robb Dean brings with him very strong credentials to do this job. First and foremost is a deep Christian faith as manifested in his personal testimony and through his active involvement in his church.

His educational preparation includes a B.B.A. and M.B.A. from Texas Tech University and the CPA Certificate.



Robb Dean

Robb comes to LeTourneau from the Dallas County Community College District where in 1972 he began his career as a junior accountant. He rose through the ranks to become Director of Business Services and Associate Vice Chancellor for Business Affairs.

Dean will assume his new responsibilities at LeTourneau on August 26.

## Leap Continues Rapid Growth

The LeTourneau Education for Adult Professionals (LEAP) program is continuing to grow at a rapid pace. Since the program began in October of 1989 enrollment has passed the 600 mark.

Currently the university has four LEAP sites: on the main campus in Longview; another in Tyler, approximately 40 miles west of Longview; a Dallas site located at I-635 and Montfort; and a site in the suburb of Bedford, about 22 miles west of Dallas near the Dallas International Airport. The most rapid growth is in the Dallas/Bedford area. These two sites each consist of 5 classrooms

plus office space. In addition there are LEAP classes conducted at two corporate sites: the Peterbilt Company in Denton and at E-Systems in Greenville.

The LEAP program allows qualified students to complete a Bachelor of Business Management degree in 18 months. During that time students complete approximately 12 courses taught by about 16 teachers. There are about 35 adjunct faculty involved in the LEAP program in the Dallas/Bedford area.

LEAP is expected to continue growing. The program is playing an important role in the fulfillment of the university's mission

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at the church using army cots we bring along."

The team members participate in the Sunday morning service. In the afternoon they canvass the community and hand out advertising flyers. The Sunday evening service is a Bible school preview including samples of all the things that will happen during Bible school: puppets, lots of music, scripture memory, recreation, evangelism, punch-n-cookies, and more. Friday night is the big finale. "The children bring their parents which gives them an opportunity to see the results of the Bible school in their children's lives. They have a chance to become familiar with the church building and they also meet the pastor who at a later time will visit with them in their homes.

"The best part is that we usually see 12 to 24 or more people make decisions for Christ during the week. Most of our 'veteran' team

members have led a child to Christ, and that's something that will last forever!

"There is great joy in sharing the gospel with a person and then seeing them respond to the message by accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Our young people bring that joy and enthusiasm back to our own church in Lapeer and our young people become more bold in their witness for Christ in their high school and in the community. It's exciting to see God work in the lives of teens. They're the church of tomorrow being used today."

Dave and Cheryl continue to have their sights set on spending all of their time in mission work after they retire. But in the meantime they're already deeply involved in serving the Lord. They expect to continue for as long as the Lord gives them strength.

### BACK TO SCHOOL CALENDAR

**August 26 - 28**  
Monday - Wednesday  
Faculty Workshop

**August 27 - 28**  
Tuesday - Wednesday  
Student Leadership Retreat

**August 30 - September 1**  
Saturday - Sunday  
Freshman Orientation  
Residence Halls Open  
for Freshmen

**September 2**  
Monday  
New Student Registration  
Residence Halls Open For  
Returning Students

**September 3**  
Tuesday  
Returning Student Registration

**September 4**  
Wednesday  
Classes Begin  
Chapel Convocation

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The number for all other calls is 1-903-753-0231.

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ANNUAL DINNER

The Friends of LeTourneau Annual Dinner will be held on Monday, October 14, at the Willow Valley Conference Center, Lancaster, PA. For information contact Don & Kathy Wolgemuth, 717-665-2081.

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